

I am writing to voice my concern about the possibility that the FCC may pre-empt Indiana State law as relates to the recently implemented NO CALL LIST. I am deeply concerned about this possibility for several reasons.

First, and most importantly, I believe that government works best when it takes place at the lowest levels. States should be free to govern themselves without federal interference wherever and whenever practicable. Indiana's law is specifically tailored for the State of Indiana, and it has served its purpose quite well.

Second, I have enjoyed the ability to share a complete, uninterrupted meal with my family when I get home from work. My wife has been able to focus on our family during the day instead of telling as many as ten to fifteen unwanted callers that she is not interested in their services or products.

While I realize that corporate pressure has been brought to bear in favor of looser regulations on unsolicited telemarketing, the voice of the public should be heard. While the individuals who are victims of the daily harrassment that is unsolicited telemarketing may not have the financial backing of corporate America, their voices should be heard.

Unsolicited telemarketing preys upon the elderly and others who are often encouraged to spend significant amounts of money on products and services which they either do not need, or which are worth far less than what they are actually charged. We as Americans, and, in this case, as Hoosiers, have the ability to shop for products and services at the time and place we choose. I urge you not to preempt a much needed and appreciated Indiana State law which has allowed thousands to sign up for the NO CALL LIST and take back control of their telephones and a peaceful home life.